



NEWS RELEASE

Today's Date: December 3, 2009
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TRAFFIC ADVISORY **Closure of Ebbetts Pass (State Route 4) and** **Sonora Pass (State Route 108)**

Ebbetts Pass in Alpine County and Sonora Pass in Tuolumne County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) closed State Route 4 over Ebbetts Pass, and State Route 108 over Sonora Pass today, December 3, 2009, due to current road conditions.

The closure is due to weather conditions on the passes and current road conditions. The determination was made to close Ebbetts Pass and Sonora Pass for the safety of motorists and Caltrans crews.

For the latest road condition information, you can tune your radio to the Caltrans Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) or call our Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623). Changeable Message Signs with flashing beacons will have information regarding the pass closure.

Remember winter weather and road conditions can change rapidly. Motorists should expect the worst conditions and be prepared. All vehicles including those with four-wheel drive or snow tires should carry chains when traveling during snowy weather. If you don't have chains in your possession, you may not be allowed to proceed. When highway signs indicated that chains are required, you must stop and install chains or risk being cited and fined.

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CHAIN CONTROL REQUIREMENT LEVELS:

No Restrictions - Watch for snow on pavement.

R-1: Chains are required on all commercial vehicles (trucks or buses). All other vehicles (cars, pick-ups, vans, etc.) must have either snow tread tires or chains on the drive axle.

R-2: Chains are required on all vehicles except four-wheel drives with snow tread tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles must carry chains in the vehicle.

R-3: Chains required - ALL VEHICLES - no exceptions.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Slow For the Cone Zone.

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